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11/14/63

Airtel

To: SACs, Memphis
New Orleans

From: Director, FBI

SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS
OO: NO

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44-1536*
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Civil Rights Division of Department has advised that Meredith will speak before church groups during remainder of this month in accordance with itinerary set forth below. The Department not aware of time and place of each speaking engagement.

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Jackson, Mississippi (confirmed) ✓
Clarksdale, Mississippi (tentative)
Holly Springs, Mississippi (confirmed)
Meridian, Mississippi (tentative) ✓
Laurel, Mississippi (confirmed) ✓
Hattiesburg, Mississippi (confirmed) ✓
Biloxi, Mississippi (confirmed) ✓
Vicksburg, Mississippi (confirmed) ✓
Jackson, Mississippi (tentative) ✓

Department desires local authorities in each of above cities be apprised of fact Meredith will be in their city on indicated date.

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Airtel to SACs, Memphis
New Orleans
RE: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH

Immediately contact appropriate local authorities in accordance with Department's request. Advise individuals contacted that information being furnished at specific request of AAG Burke Marshall.

Bureau is to be advised by airtel concerning identity of law enforcement officers advised along with date these individuals were so informed.

SCHEDULE SPEAKING DATES FOR JAMES MEREDITH IN MISSISSIPPI

November 17, 1963-----Jackson, Mississippi
November 18, 1963-----Greenwood, Mississippi
November 19, 1963-----Clarksdale, Mississippi
November 21, 1963-----Holly Springs, Miss.
November 22, 1963-----Meridian, Mississippi
November 24, 1963-----Laurel, Mississippi
November 24, 1963-----Hattiesburg, Mississippi
November 25, 1963-----Open Date
November 26, 1963-----Greenville, Mississippi
November 27, 1963-----Vicksburg, Mississippi

James Allen, Jr.
Executive Director
Phone 9483861
1017 Sylm St 11/4/63

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-0)

DATE: 11/14/63

FROM : SA CHARLES WILLIAM BONE

SUBJECT: JAMES MEREDITH;
James Meredith Education Fund,
Info. Concerning

On 11/14/63 JAMES ALLEN, JR., Executive Director, James Meredith Education Fund, 1017 Lynch Street, Jackson, Mississippi, while being contacted regarding another unrelated matter, advised that he desired to furnish the FBI with a copy of the schedule of dates and locations when JAMES MEREDITH will speak in Mississippi on behalf of the James Meredith Education Fund. A copy of this schedule is attached herewith.

Mr. ALLEN said he had no particular reason for furnishing this schedule to the FBI but felt that this agency should be aware of Mr. MEREDITH's plans in the event he encounters any trouble at any of these locations. He said he knows of no expected "trouble" at this time.

This schedule has previously been furnished the New Orleans Office through newspaper reports submitted by SA VIRDEN.

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Phone 9483861

1017 Signed AT 11/4/63

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Meredith Says Mississippi Is The Worst

By United Press International

James Meredith, the Negro who cracked Mississippi's school segregation barrier, began a 10-day speaking tour of the state Sunday night with a charge that Mississippi is a "police state."

Meredith, in an address at a Masonic hall, described Mississippi as a True police state worse than anything Hitler, Stalin or Castro could ever think of.

He said Mississippi is operated on a principle of white supremacy and added that this principle could touch off another Civil War.

Meredith moved to Washington after finishing at the University of Mississippi and began a nationwide schedule of speaking appearances on behalf of his educational fund.

The tour brought him back into Mississippi for the first time Sunday night. He is scheduled to speak at Greenwood, Clarksdale, Holly Springs, Meridian, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Greenville and Vicksburg before heading for California Nov. 27.

Meredith quoted Dr. James Silver, an Ole Miss history professor who befriended him, as describing Mississippi as a "totalitarian and closed society" in a recent, controversial speech. Commented Meredith: "Even the white folks are beginning to tell the truth about themselves."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE CLARION LEDGER
JACKSON, MISS.

Date: 11/18/63

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title: Desegregation of University of Miss.

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or CONSPIRACY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1511)

DATE: 11/19/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, Jr.

SUBJECT: Speeches by JAMES MEREDITH, State
Of Mississippi, November, 1963
Racial Matters

On 11/19/63 Chief of Police O.A. BOOKER, Meridian, Miss. was advised that JAMES MEREDITH would speak at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church 819 47th Avenue Meridian.

On 11/19/63 Det. LUTHER SCARBROUGH (NA) Meridian Detective Bureau was advised of the above information.

On 11/19/63 Lauderdale County Sheriff J.L. MORGAN, Meridian, Miss. was advised of the above information.

On 11/18/63 W. ALBERT JONES, Chairman of the Legal Redress Committee Meridian, Miss. branch of the NAACP advised that this speech was not being sponsored by the Meridian Branch of the NAACP since they were too busy on other matter to handle this matter.

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TO SAC MEMPHIS

FROM DIRECTOR

SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
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CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OF DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED
INFORMATION INDICATING MEREDITH WILL SPEAK AT ANDERSON
CHAPEL ON MEMPHIS STREET, HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI, AT
SEVEN THIRTY PM, TODAY. ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THIS
CHANGE IN MEREDITH-S PLANS. NEW ORLEANS ADVISED BY MAIL.
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SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, RACIAL MATTERS, OO: NO.
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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-338) (RUC)
SUBJECT: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER, 1963
RM

(OO: New Orleans)

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis and New Orleans
11/14/63.

The following individuals were contacted by SA THOMAS S. HOPKINS at Clarksdale, Mississippi, on 11/18/63, in accordance with referenced airtel:

Sheriff L. A. ROSS, JR. and
Acting Chief of Police, Captain BILLY WHITE.

Sheriff SOL COX and Chief of Police HARRY BRYANT, Holly Springs, Miss., were contacted by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN on 11/18/63, in accordance with referenced airtel.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1511)

DATE: 11/23/63

FROM : SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, Jr.

SUBJECT: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO:NO)

Reference memo of SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, Jr. dated 11/19/63.

On 11/22/63 Chief of Police, O.A. BOOKER, Meridian, Miss. Police advised that a speech scheduled by JAMES MEREDITH for the evening of 11/22/63 at the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss. was cancelled due to the death of the President of the United States.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1511)

DATE: 11/22/63

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER 1963
RM
(OO-New Orleans)

Re Bulet to Memphis and New Orleans, 11/14/63.

The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE:

AT LAUREL, MISS:

On 11/20/63 efforts were made to contact L. C. NIX, Chief of Police or GRADY NIX, Assistant Chief of Police, but both were unavailable.

On 11/21/63, L. C. NIX, Chief of Police, was advised that AAG BURKE MARSHALL, had requested that he be advised that JAMES H. MEREDITH was to make a speech in Laurel on 11/23/63. He said that he had previously observed the local newspaper that MEREDITH would be in Laurel.

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TO : SAC, New Orleans

DATE: 11/25/63
Biloxi, Mississippi

FROM : SA H. Warren Tool, Jr.

SUBJECT: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
State of Mississippi, November 1963
Racial Matters
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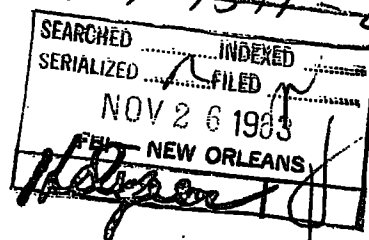
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On Monday, November 25, 1963, Chief of Police LOUIS ROSETTI, Police Department, Biloxi, Mississippi, was advised by the writer that according to BURKE MARSHALL, AAG, CRD, DJ, captioned individual was scheduled to make some kind of a personal appearance at Biloxi, Miss., in a church, on November 26, 1963.

Chief ROSETTI commented that he had received no information from any other source as to any such scheduled appearance. He said he would endeavor to confirm such an appearance by contact with Negro leaders in the city and that he would take steps to secure the situation. ROSETTI said he appreciated the information.

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Addendum: It may be noted the material furnished in connection with MEREDITH'S November schedule shows him both at Biloxi and Greenville, Mississippi, on November 26, 1963.



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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-338) (RUC)
SUBJECT: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
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(OO: New Orleans)

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Acting Chief of Police, Captain BILLY WHITE.

Sheriff SOL COX and Chief of Police HARRY BRYANT,
Holly Springs, Miss., were contacted by SA ROBIN O. COTTEN on
11/18/63, in accordance with referenced airtel.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1511) (C)

SUBJECT: *O* SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS

Rebuairtel to New Orleans and Memphis dated
11/14/63.

The following law enforcement officers were
advised on the dates shown by the Agents named as to schedule
of speeches by MEREDITH:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>	<u>AGENT</u>
11/16/63	Assistant Chief of Police M. B. PIERCE, Jackson, Mississippi, Police Department	SA HUNTER E. HELGESON
11/19/63	Chief of Police O. A. BOOKER Meridian, Mississippi, Police Department	SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.
11/21/63	Chief of Police L. C. NIX Laurel, Mississippi, Police Department	SA ROBERT EDWARD LEE
11/21/63	Chief of Police HUGH HERRING Hattiesburg, Mississippi, Police Department	SA EMIL HENRY BECKER

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11/25/63 Chief of Police LOUIS ROSETTI SA H. WARREN
Biloxi, Mississippi, Police TOOL, JR.
Department

11/26/63 Lieutenant R. C. DAVIDSON SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
Vicksburg, Mississippi,
Police Department

Orleans. No further investigation being conducted by New

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-1157)

DATE: 11/30/63

FROM : SA, ROBERT EDWARD LEE

SUBJECT: Dr. THOMAS J. BARNES
LIAISON GROUPS
SPONSERING INTERGRATION
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**POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AT FUNERAL
OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/25/63**

On 11/25/63, Dr. BARNES advised that he has not heard of any possible demonstrations.

**SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
11/63
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On 11/25/63, Dr. BARNES advised that due to the death of President KENNEDY the speech scheduled for Laurel on 11/23/63 was cancelled.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR

Date: 8-10-64

FROM: SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT: SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
NOVEMBER, 1963
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MEMPHIS FILE NO.: 157-338

JACKSON FILE NO.: 157-247

Due to the opening of the Jackson Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. LOCATION OF FILE

1. (X) Entire file sent to Jackson Office herewith.
2. () File sent to Jackson, except one copy of following serials retained Memphis:
3. () File retained Memphis, but one copy of following serials sent to Jackson:

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James Meredith Says NAACP Has Now Become Obsolete

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — James H. Meredith has criticized Negroes who become successful and "lose all contact with those they leave behind."

"Other races and nationalities have overcome obstacles because they have stuck together," Meredith said Friday night. An inability to communicate with one another is one of the biggest roadblocks "in our struggle for freedom," he added.

Meredith, first Negro knowingly admitted to the University of Mississippi, told 250 persons

at a Freedom Fund dinner of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that "a Negro who becomes affluent forgets what it was like when he was poor."

"He moves out of his old neighborhood and loses all contact," he said.

Meredith's appearance before the local NAACP had been ordered canceled by the organization's national executive secretary, Roy Wilkins, who called Meredith a constant critic of the NAACP. The local group ignored the order.

In an afternoon news conference, Meredith called the NAACP's methods "obsolete" and said they "can no longer produce anything of significance."

Meredith, without mentioning the NAACP, said in his dinner speech, the "old system is not to be condemned but needs to be replaced." There is frustration now "in the old and new ways of accomplishing our goals," he added.

The new way, he said, is for Negroes to get together. "We need not beg anymore but we

have to pace the problems together, not separately." This togetherness includes whites, he said.

Meredith's only direct reference to "the fuss which preceded my appearance here" was "in my heart I know I'm right. And I'm going to keep on trying to be right."

"One of the most significant things in this life is understanding," he said. "The way to get it is to talk. We must discuss widely divergent views."

Wilkins had ordered the local branch to cancel Meredith's speech, calling him "a consistent critic of the NAACP" and adding, "We will not furnish him a platform to kick us about."

Subsequently, the branch reissued the invitation anyway. In what he said were his first

public statements on the subject, Meredith used the speech to denounce the "black power" theory.

"It showed we don't really know what we want," Meredith said, "because all those for it who try to define it fail and those against it who try to define it also fail."

"We want freedom, yes, but what we really need is a way to elevate ourselves — get our own house in order."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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— Jackson Daily News

— Jackson, Miss.

Date: 11/28/66

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: James M. Ward

Title: James Meredith

Character:

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Classification: 157-835

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MISSISSIPPI NOTEBOOK

By TOM ETHRIDGE



Meredith Back In The News Again— Behind The Headlines, Off The Cuff

JAMES MEREDITH, first An interesting angle to this known Negro graduate of Ole landlord-tenant hassle is that Miss is back in the news — this Meredith has been served with time as a controversial landlord three court summons charging with angry tenants causing le- him with harassment, but he gal and financial headaches in reportedly refused to answer America's largest city. any court summons. It may be

It's a real switch, as reported well to note that throughout his by the New York press. career at Ole Miss, he em- Newsworthy happenings in this phasized the importance of Mis- regard usually involve white sissippi respecting and obeying landlords accused of treating court orders. colored tenants wrong.

This case, however, finds entry at the University of Mis- white tenants up in arms sissippi, there has been much against alleged pressures and speculation as to Meredith's fi- arbitrary efforts by a black nances and extent of contribu- landlord seeking higher rent tions which have put him in the payments.

Landlord Meredith held a spotlight from time to time press conference at his apart- since his graduation at Oxford. ment center the other day and told newsmen his tenants had threatened to force him out of business. (They were described as mostly elderly whites.)

Tenants charged that Meredith demanded a rent increase when he took over the apartment building 17 months ago, and when he failed to get a rent raise, he cut down on heat, hot water and elevator service. . .

BUT HE DENIED this and told reporters he had only asked the "cooperation" of his white tenants in getting an increase in the rent-controlled building. He said he did not curtail any services.

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The Clarion Ledger

Jackson, Miss.

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Date: May 21, 1969
Edition: Home
Author:
Editor: T. M. Hederman
Title: James Meredith

Character:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-11749)

DATE: 8/11/72

FROM : CLERK, SUSAN C. HARDIN

SUBJECT: JAMES HOWARD MEREDITH, AKA
JAMES H. MEREDITH, JAMES
MEREDITH, J. H. MEREDITH
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The following is a correlation of information concerning the subject as found through a search of the Jackson indices:

DESEGREGATION OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF MISSISSIPPI
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This file was sent to the Jackson Division from the New Orleans Division when the Jackson Office opened. It is the main file regarding the enrollment of subject at the University of Mississippi in September, 1962.

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This file came to the Jackson Division from the Memphis Division when the Jackson Office opened. It is the main file regarding the enrollment of subject at the University of Mississippi in 1962. No serials are being placed in this file at this time. All serials concerning this case are being placed in 157-20.

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JAMES IRA GRIMSLEY, SHERIFF,
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI;
WILLIAM DANIEL HALL, ET AL - VICTIMS
CIVIL RIGHTS
JN 44-572

Serial 11 Memo to SAC from CLERK, JEAN B. HEARN, dated
11/23/62.

On October 16, 1962 DAVID BROWN, Managing Editor of
the Chronicle, a daily except Sunday newspaper, published
at Pascagoula, Mississippi, advised that he had learned that
a group calling themselves the "Jackson County Citizens
Emergency Unit" was making plans to go to Oxford,
Mississippi, some night to get the subject. Source stated
he got the impression that this group planned to kidnap
subject. Source also stated he had learned from his
society editor, a Mrs. RODGERS, that her Negro maid had
told her "They would get subject out of Ole Miss if they
had to kill him."

WILLIAM L. HIGGS
INFORMATION CONCERNING
CR
JN 44-546

Serial 15 Newspaper clipping taken from The New Orleans
States Item dated 1/2/63.

Eight Mississippians filed a suit in district court
in an attempt to force Attorney General ROBERT F. KENNEDY
to arrest local law enforcement officers in Mississippi
on charges of interfering with civil rights of Negroes in
Mississippi. Among the eight plaintiffs was WILLIAM L.
HIGGS, white Mississippi lawyer who was one of the lawyers
who defended subject in his fight to be admitted to the
University of Mississippi.

Serial 24 Radiogram to DIRECTOR, and NEW ORLEANS, from
NEW YORK dated 2/1/63.

On February 1, 1963, [] advised that
STANLEY LEVISON conversed with New York Attorney SHAD
POLIER concerning WILLIAM HIGGS, former lawyer for
subject. LEVISON stated he had just received word that

the State of Mississippi is set to frame HIGGS on a sodomy charge. POLIER suggested that it would be well for HIGGS to retain a prominent lawyer prior to the time the charge is made. New York Attorney WILLIAM KUNSTLER, stated that "when this thing develops, a key figure would be MEREDITH because he knows HIGGS". All agreed that subject would be much more effective at a mass meeting in New York on behalf of HIGGS than, for example, MARTIN LUTHER KING, who is too far removed from the situation.

Serial 46 LHM to DIRECTOR from INDIANAPOLIS dated 2/12/63.

In November, 1962, HIGGS requested of Father MC CARRAGHER permission to spend the Thanksgiving weekend on the Notre Dame campus and wanted to bring subject with him. HIGGS stated subject's wife was from Gary and would like to visit with her parents over Thanksgiving. He asked that Reverend THEODORE M. HESBURGH, President of the University of Notre Dame, hold a dinner for subject, at which time subject could speak on his experiences in obtaining entrance to the University of Mississippi. Reverend MC CARRAGHER declined to make arrangements for such a dinner on the Notre Dame campus.

Serial 65. Newspaper clipping taken from the Clarion-Ledger dated 3/18/64.

Excerpt from newspaper clipping concerning subject:

"The step from investigation to action was a quick one. Early in 1961 HIGGS was approached by a young Negro wearing a purple shirt, leather jacket, sunglasses and a determined frown. 'You've spoken well of us, Mr. HIGGS, but we've all heard enough talk. I plan to enter Ole Miss this year. Help me.' The lawyer agreed, and eighteen months later JAMES MEREDITH walked on the Oxford Campus."

NAACP MEETING
CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI
5/9/63
RM
JN 157-230

Serial 6 Newspaper clipping taken from The Clarksdale Press Register dated 5/10/63.

Subject paid a "surprise" visit to Clarksdale and joined the local chapter of the NAACP at their annual "Freedom Banquet." He did not speak at this banquet, but when asked how he was being treated at Ole Miss at this time, he replied, "It ain't no better."

He was accompanied to Clarksdale by two U. S. Marshalls but they did not enter the church for the meeting.

DESEGREGATION OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI,
BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AND
PUBLIC FACILITIES
RM
JN 157-60

Serial 67 Teletype to Director from New Orleans dated 6/1/63.

At a mass rally at the Negro Masonic Temple on Lynch Street, Jackson, Miss., May 31, 1963, ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary, NAACP, announced a rally was being planned for June 2, 1963. He also announced that subject is to be the feature speaker at this rally.

Serial 71 Teletype to Director from New Orleans dated 6/2/63.

Subject arrived at the Jackson Airport around 2:00 PM, June 2, 1963, and was driven to the Negro Masonic Temple on Lynch Street, where he held a press conference. Assistant Chief of Police, M. B. PIERCE, advised that subject came to address a mass rally being held at the Negro Masonic Temple Building the night of June 2, 1963.

Serial 72 Teletype to Director from New Orleans dated 6/3/63.

Subject spoke at the meeting held at the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson, Miss., on June 2, 1963. There were about two thousand people in attendance at this meeting, which was held to raise money for the JAMES H. MEREDITH Educational Fund for Needy Youth.

In his talk, subject discussed the need for education. He pointed out that the educational opportunities for Negroes are lacking in the North as well as the South. Subject stated that some of the professors at Ole Miss had contributed to this fund, and further stated that he did not plan to participate in any demonstrations while he was in Jackson. He also stated that he did not anticipate any difficulty in re-registering for the summer session at Ole Miss.

Serial 143 Teletype to Director from New Orleans dated 6/14/63.

A press source advised subject held a news conference at 11:00 AM on June 14, 1963, at the office of R. JESS BROWN, a Negro attorney in Jackson, Miss. Subject read a prepared statement, in which he called for the Negroes to call off demonstrations and to go into a Nationwide passive resistance movement, patterned after the passive resistance of GHANDI, which would include Boycotts and strikes. He stated that he is afraid of major racial violence and called for the strikes to begin Saturday, June 15, 1963, which is the day of the funeral of MEDGAR EVERS. Subject denied that this suggestion had come from the White House, but stated that he had conferred with several close friends regarding this suggestion. He said this movement should be coordinated nationwide but did not state who would be the coordinator.

Serial 508 LHM to Director From New Orleans dated 6/8/63.

On May 31, 1963, Assistant Chief of Police, M. B. PIERCE, advised that a rally was being planned for June 2, 1963, with subject, a Negro student at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi as featured speaker.

Serial 520 LHM to Director from New Orleans dated 6/11/63.

Detective J. L. BLACK, Jackson Police Department, Jackson, Mississippi advised he attended a rally sponsored by the Jackson branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Negro Masonic Temple, Jackson, Mississippi, on the night of June 7, 1963. He advised that a collection was taken during this meeting and during the time the collection was being taken subject and CLEVE MC DOWELL were introduced to the audience and the subject announced to the audience that he was contributing \$5.00 to the cause that evening.

Serial 533 LHM to Director from New Orleans dated 6/18/63.

On June 14, 1963, a press source advised that subject, a Negro student at the University of Mississippi, held a news conference at 11:00 AM, June 14, 1963, at the office of R. JESS BROWN, a Negro attorney at Jackson, Mississippi. Subject read a prepared statement in which he asked Negroes to call off demonstrations and to go into a nationwide passive resistance movement patterned after the passive resistance of GHANDI which would include boycotts and strikes. Subject said he was afraid of major racial violence. He said the strikes should begin Saturday, June 15, 1963, as this is the day of the funeral of MEDGAR EVERS, slain National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) leader, and should last six to eighteen months. He said there should be a general strike in which persons refused to work for a specific time for the purposes of solitude and prayer. Subject suggested a one-hour strike, commencing at 11:00 AM, June 15, 1963, which would be simultaneous with the funeral services of MEDGAR EVERS. He said this should be followed by a boycott. He said women and children should stay off the streets.

The source said that in answer to a press inquiry, the subject denied that his suggestions originated with the White House and said only that he had conferred with several unidentified close friends concerning this matter. Source also advised that subject stated that this effort should be co-ordinated nationwide, but he did not say who should coordinate it.

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH,
MEDGAR EVERS - VICTIM
RM - CR
JN 157-44-SF1

Serial 6 Newspaper clipping taken from The Times Picayune,
dated 6/13/63.

Subject when interviewed by newsmen, made this
statement regarding the death of MEDGAR EVERS:

"I call for a general boycott of
everything possible for all Negroes with-
in the boundaries of the State of
Mississippi. I want this noncooperation
by Negroes with the system of white
supremacy to last until the system is
changed. A Negro's life is not worth the
air it requires to keep it alive in
Mississippi.

"The system under which we live in
Mississippi and throughout the South must
be changed at any cost.

"There is nothing provided under
this system for the Negro that is worth
having.

"We can, we must, and we will change
this system."

Subject further stated that MEDGAR EVERS was one of
his best and most beloved friends, and went on to say
that at least part of the blame for EVERS' death rests
with the governors of the Southern states and their
defiant and provocative actions.

SPEECHES BY JAMES H. MEREDITH,
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
NOVEMBER, 1963
RACIAL MATTERS
JN 157-247

On November 14, 1963, JAMES ALLEN, JR., Executive
Director, JAMES MEREDITH Education Fund, advised that
subject would be making a tour of Mississippi making
speeches at different places on behalf of the JAMES
MEREDITH Education Fund.

The following is an itinerary for this tour:

November 17, 1963.....Jackson, Mississippi
November 18, 1963.....Greenwood, Mississippi
November 19, 1963.....Clarksdale, Mississippi
November 21, 1963.....Holly Springs, Mississippi
November 22, 1963.....Meridian, Mississippi
November 24, 1963.....Laurel, Mississippi
November 24, 1963.....Hattiesburg, Mississippi
November 25, 1963.....Open Date
November 26, 1963.....Greenville, Mississippi
November 27, 1963.....Vicksburg, Mississippi

Due to the death of the President of the United States, the speeches planned for Meridian and Laurel were cancelled. No other incidents or any trouble of any kind took place during this tour.

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, aka;
MEDGAR EVERS - VICTIM
CR; RM
JN 157-44

Serial SF1-196 Newspaper clipping taken from the Clarion-Ledger, dated 2/16/64.

Subject criticized the handling of the BECKWITH trial in a speech to University of Arizona students. He said he had attended the murder case hearing in Jackson and said "we have a long way to go before the Negro will be receiving equal justice before the law in Mississippi." He did not explain his criticism or make it specific.

Subject further stated that it was his opinion that "if every school in Mississippi was open and free to every individual in the state, including the Negroes, not one dozen Negroes would enter a white school in the state." He said forced integration is not the answer, but abolition of forced segregation.

When asked as to whether or not the NAACP chose him to integrate the University of Mississippi, subject said "if anybody selected me, it was God."

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, aka;
MEDGAR EVERS - VICTIM
RM - CR
JN 157-37

Serial 321 Newspaper clipping from The Commercial Appeal
dated 4/20/64.

Subject sharply criticized the trials of BECKWITH, being held in Jackson, Mississippi, for the murder of MEDGAR EVERS. He stated. "No white man in the history of the United States has ever been punished justly for killing a Negro in Mississippi, and no Negro has ever gone unpunished for being 'accused' of harming a white person...how long can a nation survive with a dual system of justice?" Subject also labeled the two murder trials of BECKWITH, which both ended with juries deadlocked, as a "phoney trial trick" being used by Mississippi to try "to get back some of its image". Subject also stated he plans to go to Africa for three years for further studies. He stated "The next time.... I shall return to this country and to Mississippi to free my people by any means, including the sword."

MIBURN
JN 44-1

Serial 2341 Memo to SAC from SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN dated 8/24/64.

On August 18, 1964, Mr. J. H. CARTER (Protect Identity), Assistant Postmaster, Philadelphia, Mississippi, advised that during the enrollment of subject as a student at the University of Mississippi, OTHA DILL JACKSON, a resident of Philadelphia, Mississippi, who operates the Neshoba County Gin; and is an outspoken segregationist, asked source whether it would be against postal laws to use the term "Occupied Mississippi" as a return address on his mail. Source also advised he does not know how active JACKSON was in trying to deter subject's enrollment.

KLAN ACTIVITIES
NESHOBIA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JN 157-345

Serial 157 Memo to SAC from SA WILLIAM A. WHELAN dated
8/24/64.

This serial has been mentioned previously. (same as
44-1-2341).

MARCH FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE,
TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, SPONSORED
BY JAMES H. MEREDITH, 6/5/66
CR - EL
OO: JACKSON
JN 44-1719

On June 1, 1966, The Jackson, Mississippi, Clarion-Ledger, newspaper carried an article, by Associated Press Dateline New York, that subject, the first Negro to enroll at the University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, would set out on a two hundred twenty mile march to Jackson, June 5, 1966. Subject reportedly planned to begin his march from the Peabody Hotel in Memphis at 2:00 PM, June 5, 1966. The purpose of this march, subject said, "is to encourage the four hundred fifty thousand unregistered Negroes to go to the polls and register."

Subject left the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel at approximately 1:45 PM on June 5, 1966, in the company of approximately eight Negroes and approximately fifteen press representatives.

Subject walked without incident from the Sheraton-Peabody Hotel to a point one-half mile north of the Mississippi State Line on U. S. Highway 51, where the march terminated at 6:26 PM, for the day. Subject returned to his hotel for the night and resumed his march the next day at 9:00 AM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Highway 51 and Mary Jane Street, Whitehaven, Tennessee, a Memphis suburb. This march continued down Highway 51, through Hernando, Mississippi, and was about two miles south of Hernando, when subject was shot by AUBREY JAMES NORVELL of Memphis, Tennessee, and was rushed by ambulance to a Memphis, Tennessee, hospital.

Subject's condition upon arriving at the hospital was considered to be fair. His condition continued to be satisfactory and was discharged from the hospital on June 8, 1966.

Subject was unable to continue the march, and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. lead the group from the point where subject was shot, beginning on June 7, 1966. Subject was able to rejoin the group when it reached Canton, Mississippi and marched with the group on into Jackson, Mississippi, arriving there on June 26, 1966.

After reaching Jackson, Mississippi, a rally was held there and subject spoke to the group that gathered.

AUBREY JAMES NORVELL,
JAMES MEREDITH - VICTIM,
CR, EL; VRA 65

JN 44-1723

On June 26, 1966, subject along with about four companions, crossed the Tennessee-Mississippi State Line on a proposed march from Memphis, Tennessee, to Jackson, Mississippi. As the group continued from Hernando, Mississippi, to a point approximately two and one-half miles south on U. S. Highway 51, subject was fired on three times and hit with shotgun blasts, and was rushed to the John Gaston General Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. AUBREY JAMES NORVELL was arrested at the scene of the shooting by Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Officers, in possession of a shotgun. NORVELL was identified by three eyewitnesses as the person seen firing the shots at subject.

Upon subject's arrival at the hospital in Memphis, the attending physician advised he was in fair condition. Examination of subject revealed he had been shot with a shotgun and that he had shotgun pellets in the back of his head, in his back, and in both legs. After a thorough examination and the removing of one pellet from his body, subject was taken to Room 511 of the William F. Bowld

Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. Subject was officially discharged from this hospital on June 8, 1966, and left Memphis, Tennessee, that day en route to New York.

On November 21, 1966, AUBREY JAMES NORVELL appeared before Judge CURTIS M. SWAGO, JR., and pled guilty to the indictment charging him with assault with intent to kill. He was sentenced to serve five years in the state penitentiary, three years of which were suspended. NORVELL was to remain on bond until December 2, 1966, and then surrender to the Desoto County Sheriff's Office, to begin serving his sentence.

VISIT AND SPEECH OF JAMES H. MEREDITH
AT JACKSON, MISS., 8/14/66, SPONSORED
BY MISS. FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY
(MFDP)

RM

JN 157-6430

On July 20, 1966, a source furnished information that subject had been scheduled to speak at the Masonic Temple in Jackson on Thursday, August 4, 1966. This speech was to be sponsored by the Miss. Freedom Democratic Party (MFDP).

On July 28, 1966, a source advised that the Miss. State Convention for the MFDP was scheduled to be held in Jackson on Sunday, August 14, 1966, at the Masonic Temple. Source also advised that subject had been extended an invitation to be the principal speaker at this convention on Sunday, August 14, 1966.

On August 9, 1966, a source from New York advised that subject would be in New York City on August 14, 1966, and that there was no indication that he would be traveling to Mississippi anytime in the near future.

On August 9, 1966, LAWRENCE GUYOT, Chairman, MFDP, announced to a group attending a MFDP organization meeting that subject would be unable to attend the MFDP convention and due to the fact that subject was to be the principal speaker, it might be necessary to cancel the convention.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN
CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)
IS - C
JN 100-56

Serial 143 LHM to DIRECTOR from ATLANTA dated 8/1/66.

Subject was suggested by someone in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) for consideration in the selection of an individual to receive the Rosa Parks Freedom Award at the SCLC Convention. Reverend KING objected very strongly to this suggestion. He pointed out that during the recent march conducted in Mississippi, subject had indicated that he was not a "non-violent person".

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE STUDENT
NON-VIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SNCC)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
OO: ATLANTA
JN 157-452

Serial 719 Memo to SAC from SA JAMES O. INGRAM dated 12/6/66.

On November 28, 1966, a source advised that LAWRENCE GUYOT has received information that subject was interested in running for Governor of the State of Mississippi. Source stated GUYOT was trying to determine how much support subject would receive from the Negro organizations within the State of Mississippi. It was determined that subject would not receive any support from CHARLES EVERS and the NAACP.

MARCH OF JAMES H. MEREDITH FROM
HERNANDO, MISS., TO JACKSON, MISS.,
JUNE 24, 1967
RM
JN 157-8063

The following statement was made by subject on June 17, 1967:

"On Saturday, June 24, 1967, at 10:00 AM
I shall return to the spot where I was shot

on June 6, 1966, near Hernando, Miss., and continue the uncompleted part of my walk from Memphis to Jackson down Highway 51.

"The primary purpose of the walk is to challenge, expose, and extinguish that all-pervasive fear that permeates the existence of the Negro.

"The other purposes are: (1) - to encourage political preparation and political participation by Negroes in the United States, especially in the two states where participation is the lowest, New York and Mississippi. (2) - to encourage Negroes to take matters into their own hands and secure their own future through economic consolidation. The Negro must learn to plan his financial activities and manage his own business affairs, both as regards his personal and family matters, as well as public matters.

"I invite all able bodied men over sixteen who care, to join me in this walk. Everyone who joins the walk will have to be self-sufficient. Veterans of the Viet Nam War and the Korean War should be particularly conditioned for this walk.

"I think no women or children should participate directly in the walk. Where there's a chance for danger, the man should occupy the position. It has been proven that such a walk as this can be dangerous, even in the United States of America."

On June 24, 1967, subject arrived at the point where he was shot in 1966, and accompanied by two Negro males, one white male, and one male, race unknown, commenced the walk down Highway 51 South, at approximately nine fifty-five AM.

On June 26, 1967, subject talked of cutting his march short, ending it at Canton, instead of going on into Jackson. He stated he didn't want to be embarrassed again as he had been the year before. Upon arriving in Jackson in 1966, the marchers found that the State Capitol had been sealed off and they were not allowed there.

By June 27, 1967, another reason for cutting the march short was brought into the open. Subject's "walk against fear", had become an endurance test for him, after being plagued by sore feet, swollen ankles, and an aching back.

After reaching Grenada, Miss., subject began to hold public meetings in each town along the route. Meetings were held at night in the towns where the march terminated for the day.

Only one incident occurred during the march. In Pickens, Miss., subject was temporarily barred from holding a meeting in a local Negro Church there. Other than this incident, the marchers were almost totally ignored as they progressed down Highway 51 and no outsiders tried to interfere with the march.

The number of people participating in the march gradually increased as people from the towns en route joined as the marchers progressed down Highway 51.

The march ended July 4, 1967, at Canton, Miss., with subject and sixteen supporters reaching their destination. After reaching Canton, the group disbanded and subject spoke to a group of about forty Negroes. He stated before this group that "My arrival at this point does not signal a victory, it was a manifestation of black man's defeat."

VISIT OF JAMES H. MEREDITH
TO MISSISSIPPI TO PROMOTE
VOTER REGISTRATION

RM

JN 157-8234

On July 22, 1967, JAMES ALLEN, JR., an aide to subject advised that subject planned to come to Mississippi, accompanied by his family, to begin voter registration talks and promotions in several Mississippi towns.

A paid political announcement appeared in the Sunday, July 23, 1967, edition of the Jackson, Mississippi, Clarion-Ledger newspaper, stating that JAMES MEREDITH and the VOTER'S ASSOCIATION make the following RECOMMENDATIONS for the August 8th primary:

- # 1. EVERYONE VOTE!!!
- # 2. Suggest Voters VOTE for following
Candidates
for GOVERNOR ---- ROSS BARNETT
for LT. GOVERNOR ---- PAUL JOHNSON
for ATTORNEY GENERAL ----
JOE PATTERSON

JAMES MEREDITH

Will tour the state to discuss
These recommendations and to
Promote the Organization of
VOTER'S ASSOCIATIONS

JUL 30	Clarksdale	AUG 3	noon Biloxi
JUL 31	noon Holly Springs	AUG 3	8pm Gulfport
JUL 31	8pm Tupelo	AUG 4	noon McComb
AUG 1	noon Starkville	AUG 4	8pm Natchez
AUG 1	8pm Meridian	AUG 5	noon Vicksburg
AUG 2	noon Laurel	AUG 5	8pm Greenville
AUG 2	8pm Hattiesburg	AUG 6	Jackson

For further information write:

VOTER'S ASSOCIATION

or call:

Mr. JAMES ALLEN, JR., P. O. Box 2601
Telephone 355-7501 Jackson, Miss.

Paid for by JAMES MEREDITH

Subject arrived in Jackson on July 24, 1967, and began his tour on schedule. Subject wound up his week of campaigning in Jackson with a paid political broadcast on Jackson Radio Station WOKJ. In this broadcast, subject stated his tour had been a success.

Subject left the Jackson area on August 7, 1967, with his family in his light blue Volkswagen, bearing Illinois license FF3796. Before he left, subject stated he would be back in November to once again encourage the Negro people to vote in the election to be held then.

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE
STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)
IS - C
JN 100-528

Serial 147 Memo to SAC, LOS ANGELES from SA GILBERT G. BENJAMIN dated 4/27/67.

A source of the Los Angeles Office advised on April 13, 1967, at noon to a group of students on the campus of the University of California at Irvine. Subject was sponsored by the Associated Students, University of California at Irvine.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP),
NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
COMBAT FASCISM,
JACKSON DIVISION
EM
JN 157-10244

Serial 606 Los Angeles letter to Detroit dated 2/16/72.

Subject's name and address was found on an envelope in a folder of letters given to the M and M Mailing Service by one DONALD ANDERSON.

PROPOSED 37-COUNTY (900 MILES)
"MARCH" OF JAMES HOWARD MEREDITH
THROUGHOUT MISSISSIPPI, COMMENCING
3/6/72, IN CONNECTION WITH CAMPAIGN
FOR U. S. SENATOR
CIVIL UNREST
JN 157-15433

Subject has announced plans to run as a
Republican for the position as U. S. Senator from
Mississippi.

In connection with this campaign a "march"
has been planned. This "march" is to cover thirty-
seven counties and is to begin on March 6, 1972, at
Jackson State College.

This "march" will be mostly by automobile
although subject will most probably walk through
various towns and communities he visits.

This "march" is primarily a political venture
on subject's part.

UNSUB;
TELEPHONIC THREAT TO
BOMB JAMES MEREDITH,
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
MARCH 21, 1972
BOMB THREATS
JN 174-461

On March 21, 1972, subject advised that at approximately
8:17 AM on that date at his home, he received an
anonymous telephone call from an individual who sounded to
him like a white mature or middle-aged male. The
conversation began friendly and to the best of subject's
recollection was as follows:

CALLER "Hello JAMES, How are you?"

SUBJECT "I'm fine."

CALLER "You back in town?"

SUBJECT "Yes."

CALLER "How long have you been in town?"

SUBJECT "About ten months."

CALLER then said something about coming to see him and then stated, "How many children do you have now?"

SUBJECT "Three."

CALLER "Well, I'll be by to see you. I have a bomb for you."

Subject stated he did not immediately answer and the caller hung up. Subject stated he has received numerous threats and obscene calls in the past years because of his various activities but has received none since his return to Jackson, approximately ten months ago. He stated that this particular call was different from the preceding years in that his family was mentioned and the calm and deliberate manner of the caller.

Subject stated that subsequent to this call, his wife received several calls which when she answered no one spoke. Subject does not know whether these calls were related to the one he received.

Subject stated that he knows of no reason for anyone to make such a call and it is not related to anything else to his knowledge.

He stated the only activity which he has recently engaged in is his candidacy for the U. S. Senate in the forthcoming election.

Subject stated that he has reported this call to the Jackson Police Department and was considering contacting the telephone company to see what action they could take in the event this individual recontacted him.

The above information has been disseminated to the Jackson Police Department and the U. S. Secret Service, Jackson, Mississippi, and to date nothing has resulted from this information.

JAMES MEREDITH

RM

JN 157-11749

This file is for filing general miscellaneous information regarding subject where no individual case is being opened.

Subject is described as follows:

Name	JAMES HOWARD MEREDITH
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
DOB	6/25/33
POB	Kosciusko, Mississippi
Height	5'7½"
Weight	140 pounds (1961)
Hair	Black
Marital Status	Married; wife - MARY JUNE MEREDITH, nee WIGGINS, age 22 (in 1961); married Gary, Indiana, 12/15/56
Military Service	USAF, 7/28/51 - 7/27/55; 10/5/55 - 7/20/60; Honorable Discharge
Parents (in 1961)	ROXIE M. MEREDITH - mother MOSES MEREDITH - father 351 East Allen Street Kosciusko, Mississippi